

Welcome to Beal Early Childhood Center

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1. A note from the Principal

Dear Beal families,

This Wednesday, November 11, 2015, Shrewsbury will celebrate Veteran's Day at the World War I memorial in front of Beal. This memorial sits in the same location that the original 1924 World War I memorial sat for decades, but was taken down due to the deterioration of the foundation and materials over time. The new memorial, which was completed in 2013, strategically sits in front of the school named after Howard Beal, a World War I physician from Shrewsbury who was killed in action serving his country. The ceremony, sponsored by the Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library, will be attended by our veterans, town representatives, and community members in order to pay our respects to those who have served our country. This is a really nice opportunity to celebrate our service members and share community with veterans and civilians alike; many of whom attended Beal with stories of their schooling dating as far back as the 1940's. Please join us for the ceremony beginning at 11:00 a.m. immediately followed by a reception in the Beal Gymnasium.

Sincerely,

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2. Thanksgiving baskets

Here at Beal we talk a lot about kindness, giving and helping those who may be less fortunate than others. In this spirit, we are hoping to put together Thanksgiving baskets for our families in need. Beginning Monday, November 2 through Friday, November 13, we are asking you to send in one food item that would help make up a Thanksgiving meal. Examples are a bag or box of stuffing mix, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie filling, boxed mashed potatoes etc. Please no glass jars. You may send these in with your child. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

3. Beal grounds cleaningWe will be holding a cleaning of Beal grounds on **Sunday, November 15th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Please join us in cleaning the playground and outside of the building. Please grab your lawn equipment and help make Beal beautiful and prepared for the winter months.

4. Family Literacy Month- November

November 2015 is the 19th annual family literacy month in the state of Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Family Literacy Consortium, a group of state agencies, community organizations, parents, and providers dedicated to expanding and strengthening family literacy and support, is the sponsor of Family Literacy Month. For more info on ways to promote family literacy, learning, and involvement visit <http://www.doe.mass.edu/familylit/month/>.

5. News from the nurse

Thank you all for your vigilance in keeping your children home when they are ill and especially for observing our request that they not return to school until fever free, without medication, for 24 hours. In order for each school to use the same criteria to track what we are classifying as influenza-like illness, I ask that when you call, you include their symptoms, rather than simply indicating that they are sick or not feeling well. This will help me get a more accurate picture of what I am seeing for illness. Thank you for understanding!~Jill Wensky, Beal Nurse508-841-8870

6. PTO news

The next **PTO meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium.-Please see the attached flier for our upcoming **SkyZone Flight Night!**

Thank you to all who donated Halloween candy last week for Veteran's Inc. of Worcester. There was a lot of candy that is being sent to our veterans!

7. Upcoming dates and events

Wednesday, November 11th- Veteran's Day- **No School**

Tuesday, November 17th- Beal PTO meeting- 6:30 p.m. in the Beal gymnasium

Wednesday, November 25-Friday, November 27- Thanksgiving Break- **No School**

Tuesday, December 8th- Early Release Day for staff professional development

Thursday, December 24th-Friday, January 1st- December Vacation- **No School**

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Have a great week!

[Flight Night Invite Flyer 2015.pdf](#)

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